

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF SERRANO MISSION INDIANS, A
FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE, AND ICEMA TO PROVIDE ADVANCED
LIFE SUPPORT NON-TRANSPORT FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing board of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), approve agreement with the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe, to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) Non-transport first responder service, for the period of June 22, 2004 through January 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this non-financial agreement allows San Manuel to provide non-transport ALS services in compliance with current state regulations and local agency protocols, policies and procedures relating to the delivery of emergency medical care of the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency and during transport, when necessary, to provide continuity of care. Current ALS ambulance services are provided by American Medical Response. This action will not affect the provision of ambulance services.

State law requires all providers of ALS services be authorized by the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency under the terms of a written agreement. ICEMA administers State and local codes and regulations governing the provision of emergency medical care to the sick and impaired at the scene of an emergency and during transport to a care facility. ICEMA reviews provider staffing, drugs, equipment, record keeping, communications and training to assure compliance with ICEMA standards and requirements.

Under federal law, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is considered to have the status of a sovereign nation. The San Manuel Emergency Medical Services Department (SMEMSD) provides members of the public, invited on the reservation, with emergency medical care. The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians desires to voluntarily participate in ICEMA's programs, certifications and adopt ICEMA standards and protocols.

The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians meets all requirements to become a non-transport ALS provider. This agreement is for the period of June 22, 2004 through January 1, 2009 and it is automatically renewed for successive two-year periods unless it is terminated or amended. Either party may terminate the agreement, at any time, upon ninety days written notice to the other party.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on June 14, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on June 14, 2004.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item imposes no additional cost to the County, as it is a non-financial agreement.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146